



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
July 25, 2010
**You were buried with him in
baptism, in which you were also
raised with him through faith in
the power of God, who raised
him from the dead.**

—Colossians 2:12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday:** Jer 15:10; 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Friday:** Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
July 26-Aug 1, 2010



- Monday**
8:00 am Ron Ordner† - James & Linda McCown
- Tuesday**
8:00 am Elma Gonzales† - Steve & Aida Trejo
- Wednesday**
6:30 pm Rosie Ann Rozneck† - George & Anna Pesek
- Thursday**
8:00 am Pat Hull† - Donor
- Friday**
8:00 am Jose Lorenzo Garcia† - Family
- Saturday**
6:00 pm Randy Joe Gorbett† - Mom & Dad
- Sunday**
8:00 am Mekush Children† - Margaret Mekush
9:30 am In Thanksgiving for St. Joseph
10:00 am Gerald Maikoetter† - Don & Stephanie Klock
12:00 pm Nila Lopez† - Johnny Perales Fam.
6:00 pm People of the Parish

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Envelope Collection	\$13,840.00
Loose Collection	\$511.34
Children's Collection.....	\$17.15
Other Fees.....	\$422.00
Total	\$14,790.49

Thank You!

ST. MARY MISSION

Envelope Collection	\$508.00
Loose Collection.....	\$79.00
Total	\$587.00

Dear Parishioners,

As is the custom, on the weekend when I return from my summer vacation in Ireland, I am writing a brief summary of my stay in the Emerald Isle from mid June to mid July. This is a great time to be on vacation, as the weather is sunny with a temperature of 70 to 75 degrees but of course we had some rainy days to keep the forty shades of green and help the farmers with their crops. After getting over the jet lag and resting for a few days in the Irish Cottage, which I now call home, I began to visit family and friends and to prepare for the Irish Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Ordination. This took place on July 3rd, with a Mass of thanksgiving in St. Patrick Church in Monageer, which was concelebrated by my classmate Bishop Denis Brennan and some other priests. The Baptismal Font in the church is the same one where I was baptized many years ago. I told the people that I had made my First Confession, First Communion, Confirmation and celebrated my first Mass at the altar in 1970. In his comments after Holy Communion, Bishop Denis spoke about the years we spent together in St. Peter Seminary and his visits to the parishes where I worked in Laredo and Corpus Christi. He "confessed" that he and another classmate had taken my new car from Texas to California to visit a friend and see the Grand Canyon etc. and made it an "old" car by the time they returned.

My brother Michael and my cousin Josie Foley organized a Rowsome/Murphy family reunion which took place after the Thanksgiving Mass. We had about 80 relatives and friends for an evening of food, fun music, singing, storytelling and visiting with each other. It was really wonderful to chat with people that I had not seen for many years and to catch up on the news. I told them a little about my life as a priest in Texas for the past 40 years and how I appreciated their visits, letters, phone calls, emails and prayers. We took lots of pictures and exchanged addresses so we can keep in touch in the years ahead and perhaps have another reunion in the not too distant future.

On July 6th, my sister Catherine and Mary and I drove to Knock, in County Mayo, on the west coast of Ireland to visit the Shrine where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to fifteen people at the gable end of the parish Church over 100 years ago. The visit brought back many happy memories of my frequent visits to the holy place with my parents when they were alive and of the favors we had received through the intercession of Our Lady of Knock - Queen of Ireland. I concelebrated Mass in the Basilica with Fr. Jim Finn and some other priests and was able to give the anointing of the sick to many of the pilgrims. The next day we went to visit County Sligo and even drove through County Leitrim, which is the home county of Msgr. McGowan on our way to see the Giant's Causeway in County Denogal. It's the eighth wonder of the world and the unique structure of the rock formation near the sea coast is visited by thousands of tourists every year.

Needless to say, I enjoyed the Irish cooking in the cottage and when visiting family and friends, and despite the new Irish potatoes and all the delicious desserts, I lost a few pounds - my heart and my doctor will be happy about that! I'm typing this email this past Monday in the living room of our cottage and it's a cloudy day with some rain falling on the lawn outside the French windows. I can see the trees full of apples in the distance and some rhubarb growing where my dad had his garden. I hope you all had a good summer and I want to thank Msgr. McGowan

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This Week at St. Peter Church

MONDAY: Feast of St. Joachim and Anne; Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m.

TUESDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: Rosary 6:00 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Feast of St. Martha; Mass 8:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY: Feast of St. Peter Chrysologus; Mass 8 a.m. Rosary 7:30 a.m.

SATURDAY: Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola; Confessions 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass 6 p.m.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUTH

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE 5:00 pm in the church every Sunday. **HS Youth will meet Sunday, August 1st** in the Youth Center following the 6:00 PM mass. All HS Students are welcome to join us.

CCD REGISTRATION: We are still accepting registration for the 2010-2011 school year. Many of our classes are already full, so please register as soon as possible.

We have had some requests for a Sunday, 4th & 5th grade class. We can create a class for both of these grades, **only if** we have at least 10-15 students per class. Call the CCD office if you are the parent of a 4th or 5th grade student and are interested. If you have already registered for a Monday or Wednesday class, but would prefer Sunday, let Priscilla know ASAP. **Call Priscilla @241-3372 or 241-3369 FMI**

(LETTER FROM MSGR. MORGAN) and all the priests who helped with Masses, Confessions, weddings, etc. I am also very grateful to our staff and all the volunteers who do so much to keep our parish one of the best in the Diocese. It is good to be back home with you all. May God bless us as we get ready to return to Religion classes and regular activities in September

Your friend, *Msgr. Morgan*

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Set aside what distract you from your marriage and make your marriage a priority by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend right here in this diocese! It is a weekend for you to take a break from the stresses of your daily life and focus on enriching your marriage. The 2010 weekends are scheduled for:

- July 30 - Aug. 1 @ OLCC Retreat Center (full but taking waiting list registrations)
- Aug. 27 - 29 @ Zephyr Retreat Center
- Nov. 5 - 7th (early registration deadline is Oct. 1)

FMI email Rolando/ Nelda Garza at: wwme.cc@sbcglobal.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

A REFLECTION ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Today's readings teach us about various aspects of prayer. Abraham's conversation with God reveals that prayer is quite often marked by persistence. In the Gospel, the Lord Jesus gives us the great gift of the Lord's Prayer. After offering this prayer, Jesus then outlines the kind of lives those who utter this prayer are called to live. Let us be attentive to God's saving word.

GOOD IDEAS FOR THE SUMMER TIME: Summer is a great time to sort clothing, toys, sports equipment and other possessions with the intention of sharing what you have with people who are less fortunate. Or have a garage sale and donate the proceeds to charity. We believe in sharing materials and justice among all people.

OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK IS ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA.

Ignatius was born in 1491 and pursued a career in the military. Wounded during the defense of Pamplona, he was transported to his own part of the country to recuperate. During his convalescence, he read a series of religious texts on the life of [Jesus Christ](#) and certain lives of the saints which led to his profound conversion. He set out for Paris to study theology. There he gathered together his first followers. With them he later founded, in Rome, the Society of Jesus or the Jesuits as they are called. He died in the Eternal City in 1556.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA.

Sometimes people can hunger for more than bread. It is possible that our children, our husband, our wife, do not hunger for bread, do not need clothes, do not lack a house. But are we equally sure that none of them feels alone, abandoned, neglected, needing some affection? That, too, is poverty.

A PRAYER FOR THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR ARMED FORCES.

Heavenly Father, we commend to your gracious and protective care and benevolent keeping all men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your guiding hand and heavenly grace; encourage them and strengthen them in their trials, temptations and discouragements; grant them your abiding presence wherever they may be. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KC COUNCIL 7290, with the help of the Altar and Rosary Society, is having a Dinner for two, Dance, Silent Auction and prizes on Saturday, Sept. 25th at the High Chaparral (Hwy 77, Robstown) from 7 p.m. until 12 a.m. **The tickets cost \$100 but only 300 tickets will be sold.** The prizes are: Grand Prize \$5,000; Two @ \$1,000; Two @ \$500; 29 @ \$100. You must purchase a ticket to attend and be entered in drawing. Contact any KC member or Altar Society member to purchase a ticket. The parish office also has tickets to sell. Office hours during the Summer is 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.

A VOCATION VIEW: God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern. God invites us to pray: to ask and to discern.